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Aquicline Renner-Arnold
1428 Gonsoulin St.
Jeanerette, LA 70544

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2016-330

Dear Ms. Renner-Arnold:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its May 20, 2016 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether you, as a former member of the Iberia Parish Council (Council), can be appointed to the position of Registrar of Voters of Iberia Parish (Registrar). You served as a member of the Council from January 2012 through January 11, 2016.

It is the understanding of the Board that Registrars of Voters are given their authority by La. R.S. 18:51, which provides that there shall be one registrar for each parish appointed by the parish governing authority. Registrars receive compensation from the State (through the Secretary of State) and the Parish and the compensation is fixed by statute according to the population of the Parish.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit you from being appointed to the position of Registrar, until January 12, 2018. La. R.S. 42:1121A(2) prohibits a former member of a board or commission, for a period of two years following the termination of her public service on such board or commission, from contracting with, being employed in any capacity by, or being appointed to any position by that board or commission. Since the Registrar must be appointed by the Council, you would be prohibited from being appointed to that position until January 12, 2018.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Vivian Haley Williams
For the Board